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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 4856
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 10/664,776) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: September 17, 2003) Examiner: David Reip
For: SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR)
CERVICAL PLATE AND METHOD)
(as amended))

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action of November 14, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a petition for extension of time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Application No. 10/664,776
Amendment dated May 15, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 14, 2005

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the current title with the following amended title:

~~BONE PLATE HAVING A PORTION ADAPTED TO OVERLIE A
FASTENER~~ SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATE AND METHOD